

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A telecommunications billing system comprising:
 - at least one server configured to interpret at least two file types, a first file type of the at least two file types including subscription data associated with a subscription, the subscription data identifying a pricing plan, the pricing plan including an allotment of shared telecommunications units for use in connection with at least a first telecommunications service and a second telecommunications service, a second file type of the at least two file types including a first set of telecommunications service usage data associated with ~~[[a]]~~ the first telecommunications service;
 - a customer database configured to store customer information associated with the subscription, the customer information including the subscription data identifying the pricing plan;
 - a usage database configured to store the first set of telecommunications service usage data and a second set of telecommunications service usage data associated with the second telecommunications service; and
 - a billing module configured to access the usage database and configured to access the customer database, the billing module configured to generate billing data utilizing the allotment of shared telecommunications units, the first set of telecommunications service usage data, and the second set of telecommunications service usage data;
- wherein the first telecommunications service and the second telecommunications service are provided by different operating entities; and
- wherein the billing module calculates excess charges when cumulative usage of the first set of telecommunications service usage data and usage of the second set of telecommunications service usage data exceeds the allotment of shared telecommunications units.

2. (Original) The telecommunications billing system of claim 1, wherein the first telecommunications service is a wireless telecommunications service and the second telecommunications service is a long distance service.

3. (Original) The telecommunications billing system of claim 1, further comprising a bill formatter configured to access the billing module and configured to prepare at least part of an invoice utilizing the billing data.

4. (Original) The telecommunications billing system of claim 1, further comprising an error handling system configured to reconcile subscription data.

5. (Original) The telecommunications billing system of claim 1, further comprising a settlement system configured to transfer settlement reports to a provider of the first telecommunications service.

6. (Original) The telecommunications billing system of claim 5, further comprising a revenue tracking system configured to access the customer database and configured to access the settlement system, the settlement reports including revenue data generated by the revenue tracking system.

7. (Previously presented) The telecommunications billing system of claim 1, wherein shared telecommunications units are allotted in conjunction with a monthly charge.

8. (Original) The telecommunications billing system of claim 1, wherein the billing module includes taxation data associated with the first telecommunications service in the billing data.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Previously presented) The telecommunications billing system of claim 1, further comprising an interactive voice response system configured to provide account data associated with the allotment of shared telecommunications units.

11. (Currently amended) A method of providing a shared telecommunications account, the method comprising:

receiving order data, the order data identifying a pricing plan, the pricing plan having an associated allotment of shared telecommunications units for use in connection with at least a first telecommunications service and a second telecommunications service;

receiving a first set of telecommunications service account data from a first telecommunications service provider, the first set of telecommunications service account data associated with the order data and associated with the first telecommunications service;

creating a telecommunications account to provide the allotment of shared telecommunications units, the telecommunications account being associated with the first telecommunications service and the second telecommunications service, wherein the first telecommunications service and the second telecommunications service are provided by different operating entities;

receiving a first set of telecommunications service usage data from the first telecommunications service provider; and

determining excess usage charges when the a combined usage of the first telecommunications service and of the second telecommunications service exceeds the allotment of ~~the~~ shared telecommunications units.

12. (Previously presented) The method of claim 11, wherein the first telecommunications service is a wireless telecommunications service and wherein the second telecommunications service is a landline service.

13. (Previously presented) The method of claim 12, wherein the landline service includes a long distance telecommunications service.

14-15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently amended) The method of claim 11, further comprising allocating the shared telecommunications units usage associated with the first telecommunications service and the second telecommunications service.

17. (Currently amended) The method of claim 16, further comprising preparing a combined invoice based on the allotment of the shared telecommunications units.

18. (Original) The method of claim 17, further comprising communicating the combined invoice to a third telecommunications service provider.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18, wherein the third telecommunications service provider is a local exchange carrier.

20. (Currently amended) The method of claim 16, further comprising preparing a reconciliation report associated with the allotment of the shared telecommunications units and sending the reconciliation report to the first telecommunications service provider.

21-40. (Canceled)